

REMARKS

Claims 1–30 are pending. Claims 16–24 are allowed. Claims 6, 10–14, 26, and 28–30 have been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1–5, 7–9, 15, 25, and 27 are rejected.

The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance by rewriting the allowable claims in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and changing the dependencies accordingly.

Claims 6, 10, 26, and 28 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2–5, 7, 8, 11–15, and 30 now depend from independent claim 10. Claim 27 now depends from independent claim 26. Claims 29 and 31 depend from independent claim 28.

Claims 1, 9, and 25 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claim 31 has been added as dependent from rewritten claim 28.

The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as assertedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 3 has been amended to remove the reference to a temperature greater than room temperature. This amendment is believed to remove the basis for the rejection and does not narrow the claim. Claim 4 depends from claim 3.

The Office Action rejects claims 10–14, 17, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as assertedly indefinite. Claims 10, 17, and 27 have been amended to remove the asserted indefiniteness and these amendments do not narrow the claims. Claims 11–14 depend from claim 10.

If the present amendment does not place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to immediately contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss the possibility of an Examiner's Amendment to immediately place the case in condition for allowance.

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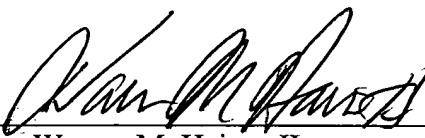
Conclusion

Claims 2-8, 10-24, and 26-31 are currently pending in the application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 16-24 and the indication of allowability of claims 6, 10-14, 26, and 28-30. In view of the above remarks and amendments, it is submitted that claims 2-8, 10-24, and 26-31 now are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee in addition to that accompanying this Amendment is required relating to the filing of this Amendment. If this is not the case, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any related fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0172. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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